Political Science Courses (POLI)

This is a list of all political science courses. For more information, see Political Science.

POLI:1000 First-Year Seminar 1 s.h.
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities). Requirements: first- or second-semester standing.

POLI:1001 Introduction to Politics 3 s.h.
Introduction to selected processes, institutions, or behaviors central to the study of politics.

POLI:1002 Lawyers in the American Political System 3 s.h.
Training and careers of lawyers; various roles they play in the American political system. Requirements: no prior enrollment in POLI:3150 with subtitle Lawyers in the American Political System.

POLI:1050 Big Ideas: Introduction to Information, Society, and Culture 3 s.h.
What is information? What does it teach us about societies and cultures? How is information used to shape societies and even personal preferences? What types of information are there and how can we understand and use them? Students work with faculty from multiple disciplines to investigate these questions using inquiry-based activities to build success in critical thinking and teamwork. GE: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning. Same as RELS:1050.

POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics 3 s.h.
Structure and processes of American national government; how the United States manages political conflict; impact of the U.S. Constitution; effect of public opinion, interest groups, and media on government; role and evolution of Congress, presidency, bureaucracy, and Supreme Court. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1200 Introduction to Political Behavior 3 s.h.
Patterns and basis of political behavior of American electorate; trends in voter turnout; vote choice; ideology, partisanship, and public opinion. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1300 Introduction to Political Thought and Action 3 s.h.
Common problems, literature, analytic techniques. GE: Social Sciences; Values and Culture.

POLI:1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Politics worldwide, including all regions and levels of development; wide-ranging themes, including regime types, political change, political culture, public opinion, government structures, state-society relationship, electoral systems, public policy issues. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1401 Introduction to the Politics of Russia and Eurasia 3 s.h.
Political dynamics in postcommunist countries of east-central Europe and Eurasia; imperial legacies, ideology and practice of communist politics, patterns of democracy and authoritarianism. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1403 Introduction to Politics in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
Processes of politics and government in pivotal countries of the Muslim world; foundations of Islam, legacies of Western imperialism, regime types, regional conflicts, oppositional organizations; domestic and foreign policy; selected countries include Syria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, and Israel. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1410 Introduction to Asian International Relations 3 s.h.
Examination of historical and current relationships between countries in Asia; conflict, cooperation, effect of international organizations, and role of non-Asian powers in the region (i.e., United States); North Korea-South Korea conflict; rivalry between Japan, China, and Korea; Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); South China Sea dispute; rise of Asian economies; the United States pivot to Asia; how current explanations of international relations may or may not work in the context of Asia.

POLI:1445 Introduction to Asian Politics: China 3 s.h.
How sociopolitical life in China is shaped by political structure, economic modernization, and traditional political culture; topics include historical, political, economic, and social conditions in contemporary China; course objectives are to broaden student’s horizons in global affairs by learning about a foreign country that seems completely different and to sharpen student’s analytical and communication skills. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1449 Introduction to European Politics 3 s.h.
Political institutions, processes of selected European countries. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations 3 s.h.
Survey of key issues in international relations, including causes of wars, different types of theories of international relations, international organizations, and global environmental problems. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1501 Introduction to American Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
Foreign policies: goals, basic themes and general patterns, problems encountered by policy makers, means employed in dealing with other nations and international organizations, processes by which policies are formulated, factors that influence structure of policies. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences.

POLI:1600 Introduction to Political Communication 3 s.h.
Institutions, dynamics, issues of political communities considered as networks of communication; representative topics include political actors, ads, films, media, myths, news, publics, regulations, rhetorics, symbols. GE: Social Sciences.

POLI:1601 Introduction to Social Media and Politics 3 s.h.
Politics in news, culture, commerce, campaigns, and government with attention to current media (e.g., cinema, internet, print, television). GE: Diversity and Inclusion.
POLI:1700 Introduction to Political Analysis 3 s.h.
Tools necessary to analyze and solve puzzles in politics (i.e., Why do countries go to war rather than negotiate? Why do lifelong enemies become allies? Why do majorities act irrationally?); questions approached from a quantitative perspective (unlike most political analyses), in particular, game theory—a branch of mathematics that investigates how rational players act in situations (like those in politics) of strategic interaction. GE: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning.

POLI:1800 Introduction to the Politics of Class and Inequality 3 s.h.
Introduction to issues of class and economic inequality in the U.S. and other countries; what class and economic inequality are, debates surrounding these definitions, and attempts to measure both of these concepts; research and arguments on economic and political explanations of economic inequality; different policies aimed at reducing economic inequality and debates over them. GE: Diversity and Inclusion.

POLI:1900 Introduction to the Politics of Race 3 s.h.
Introduction to politics of race in the U.S.; history of racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., their relationship with each other, and their interactions with different levels of government. GE: Diversity and Inclusion.

POLI:1950 Introduction to the Politics of Religion 3 s.h.
Introduction to the complex relationship between religion and politics; examination of historical and contemporary effect of religion on a wide range of areas (e.g., political culture, political parties, political behavior, public policy); consideration of important policy debates (e.g., role of religion in public life, religious discrimination, various social issues).

POLI:2000 Designing Political Research 3 s.h.
How research is conducted on politics and government; students examine different research approaches (both qualitative and quantitative), learn how to read and understand published research on politics, demonstrate an understanding of different research approaches, and understand, interpret, and critically analyze published research on politics.

POLI:2107 Black Literature and Politics: Controversies of National Allegiance 3 s.h.
Black literature born amid political controversy, from slave narratives to award-winning texts of late 20th century; evolving politics of African American writers; changing political landscape of this expansive period and representative literature; how African American writers shape U.S. political debate; surprising politics of many canonical African American writers. English majors and English and Creative Writing majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: American Literature and Culture. PERIOD: Varies by semester. English and Creative Writing majors may apply this course to the Multiethnic American Literature and Culture requirement. Same as AFAM:2781, ENGL:2460.

POLI:2415 Latin American Politics 3 s.h.
Governmental institutions, major interest groups; focus on area as a whole. GE: International and Global Issues; Social Sciences. Same as LAS:2415.

POLI:2416 Revolutions and Political Violence 3 s.h.
Analysis of protest, insurgency, and rebellion for political change; studies the drivers of participation, group organization, government responses, and outcomes of these movements (including both failed and successful revolutions); how and why does the use of political violence vary, and what are the political consequences of the use of violence; explores theoretical material and case studies from across the world.

POLI:2417 Comparative Environmental Policy 3 s.h.
Analysis of environmental policy and governance outcomes across and within countries and contexts; causes and consequences of environmental policy differences; effects of government structure, society, and natural resource conditions on policy development, implementation, and environmental outcomes.

POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data 3 s.h.
Creating knowledgeable evaluators of current research in political science; interpretation of different quantitative techniques with examples from current political science research.

POLI:3001 Hawkeye Poll 3 s.h.
Basics of survey design, sampling, question wording, interpreting responses, and writing press releases; students work together to help design questions as part of the Hawkeye Poll, a collaborative teaching and research enterprise in the Department of Political Science.

POLI:3050 Problems in Methods arr.
Problems in political science research methods; data collection, interpretation, analysis.

POLI:3100 American Constitutional Law and Politics 3 s.h.
Role of U.S. Supreme Court in American political system; emphasis on analysis of Supreme Court cases.

POLI:3101 American Constitutional Law and Politics 3 s.h.
History of Congress, how congressional elections shape what legislators do, how laws are made in Congress, rules and maneuvers that shape these laws, and the future of Congress as one of the major institutions of American government; gain an understanding of Congress and why Americans continue to be confused and fascinated by this complicated branch and its politics.

POLI:3102 The U.S. Congress 3 s.h.
Examination of principles used in writing for science and writing for politics; science writing clearly explains its ideas to promote understanding, and political writing advocates for its ideas by highlighting and obscuring different pieces of information and "spinning" its findings to promote persuasion; students produce and analyze examples of both forms of writing.

POLI:3104 Immigration Politics 3 s.h.
United States immigration policy and political consequences of Latino population growth; contrast of political experiences of Latinos with groups and ideals of democratic political systems; analyses of past immigration policies; studies of public opinion, voter turnout, and campaign tactics. Same as LAS:3104, LATS:3104.

POLI:3107 Writing in Political Science: Writing for “Science” and for “Politics” 3 s.h.
Examination of principles used in writing for science and writing for politics; science writing clearly explains its ideas to promote understanding, and political writing advocates for its ideas by highlighting and obscuring different pieces of information and "spinning" its findings to promote persuasion; students produce and analyze examples of both forms of writing.

POLI:3108 American Political Development 3 s.h.
Transformations in American political behavior and institutions over time.
POLI:3109 Fixing America’s Electoral System 3 s.h.
What’s wrong with American politics and what can be done to fix it; overview of major problems facing American democracy from polarized political parties and money in politics, to low voter turnout and trust in government, to growing gap between super rich and middle class; focus on problem solving, including movement towards digital politics and new media, participatory democracy, reform of congressional elections and non-partisan redistricting, presidential elections ( Electoral College), presidential nomination process, campaign finance, voter registration and voting, proportional representation. Requirements: no prior enrollment in POLI:3150 with subtitle Election Reform.

POLI:3110 Local Politics 3 s.h.
Models of city government, relation to state and federal governments; rights, liabilities of municipalities; city elections, campaigns, issues; role of pressure groups.

POLI:3111 American Public Policy 3 s.h.
Functions and policies of national government; emphasis on domestic policy making, impact of public policy.

POLI:3113 Research in Judicial Politics 3 s.h.
Applied research training in courts and judicial politics. Prerequisites: POLI:3121 or POLI:3120 or POLI:3101.

POLI:3114 Women and Politics in the United States 3 s.h.
Involvement of women in the U.S. political system; topics include political theories about women’s involvement in politics and government, women and constitutional law, public policies that affect women, women’s participation in politics at the mass and elite levels.

POLI:3116 The Presidency 3 s.h.
Constitutional foundations, subsequent development, current status of the office of the presidency; evolution of presidential selection process; powers, structures, functions of the office; role of president as legislative, executive, and public leader.

POLI:3117 Bureaucratic Politics and Public Administration 3 s.h.
Examination of the federal bureaucracy from political, theoretical, and practical perspectives; what we mean by "federal bureaucracy," how it developed over time, how it performs its tasks, and how it affects American policy and politics.

POLI:3118 Interest Groups 3 s.h.
Theory, organization, and structure of interest groups; how they influence Congress, executive branch, courts, elections.

POLI:3120 The Criminal Justice System 3 s.h.
Role of actors, institutions that constitute and participate in the American criminal justice system.

POLI:3121 The Judicial Process 3 s.h.
Role of courts, lawyers, judges, interest groups in the American political system.

POLI:3122 Public Choice 3 s.h.
Introduction to some of the most important topics in public choice (i.e., How do we explain what the public "wants"? Can we determine group preferences and group choices even if individual incentives run contrary to society’s needs?); study of public choice theory problems in political science—how we determine society’s preference among candidates, public policies, or even types of government.

POLI:3123 State Politics in Iowa 3 s.h.
Introduction to Iowa government and politics; emphasis on Iowa Constitution, founding and history, political institutions, voting, political parties, mass movements and interest groups; evangelical movement in Iowa, immigration, and Iowa’s role in national politics given the state’s first-in-the-nation caucus.

POLI:3124 Political Science Des Moines Internship Program 1-9 s.h.
Supervised professional work experience in government and nongovernment organizations, as well as private industry. Requirements: sophomore or higher standing.

POLI:3126 Environmental Policy 3 s.h.
Analysis of environmental problems through an interdisciplinary approach drawing from economics, environmental economics, political economy, and political science; how environmental resources differ from other goods that economists study (usually there is no market for them); government policies that are needed to maintain and improve environmental quality; how governments are influenced by voters’ policy preferences and by policy preferences of special interest groups; three main areas of political economy as it relates to environmental policy.

POLI:3127 Legislative Policy Seminar 3 s.h.
Policy research for the Iowa Legislature.

POLI:3128 Politics of the U.S. National Park System 3 s.h.
Examination of politics surrounding the U.S. National Park System and other federally managed lands; debates about the founding of the U.S. National Parks system; expansion, environmental effects, and current issues; role of important actors, such as the President, Congress, bureaucracies, land owners, and nongovernmental organizations.

POLI:3150 Problems in American Politics 1-3 s.h.
Problems in studying American system; structures, functions, behavior.

POLI:3201 Political Campaigning 3 s.h.
Current state of political campaigning at all levels of government; history of campaigning, role of money and campaign finance reform, television and negative advertising, Internet campaigning.

POLI:3202 Political Psychology 3 s.h.
Political phenomena from psychological perspective; political behaviors of individuals, including decision making by elites and masses, evaluations of political candidates, mass mobilization, response to mass media; psychological concepts including stereotyping, social cognition, attitude, group identification.

POLI:3203 Campaigns, Elections, and Voting Behavior 3 s.h.
Determinants of voting behavior; correlates of political participation, political apathy; political socialization processes; nature and functions of elections.

POLI:3204 Public Opinion 3 s.h.
Role in making public policy; formation, change of political attitudes and opinions; political ideology; measurement of public opinion; how opinion polls are conducted; experience with interviewing and conducting public opinion research. Same as SOC:3525.

POLI:3300 Postmodern Political Theory 3 s.h.
Major writers and intellectual trends, from 19th century to World War II.

POLI:3302 Current Political Theory 3 s.h.
Thinkers or schools of thought, from World War II to present.
POLI:3305 Modern Political Theory 3 s.h.
Major writers and intellectual trends in political thought from Renaissance and Reformation to 19th century.

POLI:3306 Problems of Democracy 3 s.h.
Theory and practice of democracy; democratic ideals and the institutions and practices necessary for those ideals to work in everyday politics—power, equality, majority rule, participation, trust, representation.

POLI:3400 Political Economy 3 s.h.
Economic reasoning applied to political issues, including evolution of institutions, voting, leadership, interest groups, bargaining tactics, federalism, bureaucracy, fairness and compensation for wrongs, legitimacy of democracy, electoral cycles in economic policy, revolutions.

POLI:3405 Authoritarian Politics 3 s.h.
Political dynamics in countries with authoritarian governing regimes; how those dynamics differ from their counterparts in democracies; how decisions are reached and get enforced; forms political struggles take; how interest groups pursue influence; ways individuals deal with the government; tension between regime control and societal progress.

POLI:3408 Chinese Politics and Society 3 s.h.
Comprehensive introduction to modern Chinese history; current Chinese political system and political culture; public policy issues.

POLI:3410 Russian Foreign Policy 3 s.h.
Russia's behavior as a major economic, military, and diplomatic power in the world and what shapes that behavior; Russians' perceptions of other countries; Russian national interests; capabilities and domestic political dynamics; implications for foreign policy of the United States and other countries.

POLI:3411 Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles 3 s.h.
Diverse contemporary understandings and practices of democracy; worldwide democratization trends; what political, economic, cultural and transnational factors shape those trends; how elites and citizens struggle to promote or retard democracy; the news full of people around the world taking action to demand democracy and what this term, so highly prized, really means; what is known about when democracy will replace authoritarianism; how can democracies more fully live up to their promise.

POLI:3413 Russian Politics 3 s.h.
Institutions and processes of governing this large world power; Russian political dynamics, including struggles to unify or diversify power; political responses to major economic, technical, and social challenges. Recommendations: POLI:1401.

POLI:3418 Governance in the Middle East 3 s.h.
Institutions and social systems that are affected by political behavior: ways in which Islam, oil production, and international forces shape political evolution in the region; comparative political inquiry of the operation of government institutions in the context of specific historical legacies, economic structures, and population characteristics in Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia.

POLI:3419 War in the Muslim World 3 s.h.
Foundations, evolutions, and outcomes of recent wars in the Middle East; primary focus on insurgencies in Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq; together with Arab-Israel conflict; Sunni-Shiite, Jewish-Arab, Arab-Kurd cleavages; military activities of international forces; rise of insurgent forces (i.e., the Taliban); Al Qaeda alliance; shadow governments; institutions of governance; strategies and ideologies of oppositional organizations. Requirements: no prior enrollment in POLI:3450 with subtitle War in the Muslim World.

POLI:3420 Southeast Asia: Politics and Development 3 s.h.
Eleven states of Southeast Asia; governance, development strategies, domestic politics, approach to democracy and national identity; regional politics and important transnational issues; role of ASEAN, terrorism, trans-Pacific trade and investment issues, China's looming presence, impact of ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

POLI:3421 Southern Africa: Development and Governance 3 s.h.
Comparative approach to politics of ten countries in the Southern Africa region; mineral riches, substantial agricultural resources, millions of hard working and talented people; poverty, underdevelopment, and inequality; varied paths toward development; mosaic of ethnic, religious, and regional groups that impact domestic and regional politics; politics analyzed at regional, state, and sub-state level.

POLI:3422 Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues 3 s.h.
Eight states in the Horn of Africa region; important transnational and regional issues; governance, development strategies, domestic politics, social and civic dynamics of countries in the region; wildlife trafficking, piracy, fight against HIV/AIDS, imprint of colonialism, secession, ethnic and national identities, democratization, role of women in society, impact of ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

POLI:3423 The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy 3 s.h.
Nineteen states and entities of North Africa and the Middle East; issues of governance, development strategies, domestic politics, and approach to democracy and national identity; regional politics and important transnational issues; role of political Islam; impacts of the Arab Spring, terrorism, oil, role of women in society, ongoing and historic conflicts; briefings, discussions, presentations.

POLI:3424 Global Development 3 s.h.
Exploration of political and social causes and consequences of economic development; two important questions asked—Why are some countries rich while others are poor? What can be done to encourage growth in underdeveloped countries?

POLI:3425 South Asia: Politics, Identity, and Conflict 3 s.h.
Survey of the eight countries in the South Asia region; examination of governance in the eight countries; students explore the interaction of politics, identity, and conflict within and across the regional states; ethnic, religious, caste, class, and other identities that have long competed for primacy with national identities in South Asia, sometimes leading to armed conflict within countries and sometimes sparking war between countries, and the question—Am I first a Sri Lankan or a Tamil? What do I feel like most?

POLI:3450 Problems in Comparative Politics 3 s.h.
Structures, functions, behaviors of different political systems.
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POLI:3524 Politics and Multinational Enterprises 3 s.h.
Relationship between business and politics by examining
the operation of multinational business enterprises;
how corporations interact with countries, subnational
governments, interest groups, international organizations, and
nongovernmental organizations.

POLI:3550 Problems of International Politics 3 s.h.
Problems in studying international system, structures,
functions, behavior.

POLI:3600 Multimedia Politics 3 s.h.
How increasingly universal access to communication affects
cultural and political campaigning and advocacy; the use of blogging,
video, and developing communication media by citizens and
candidates to talk politics.

POLI:3601 Politics of Film 3 s.h.
Issues in the popular politics of aesthetics, communication,
culture, and myth, explored through analysis of films.

POLI:3602 New Media and Politics 3 s.h.
Blogging, microblogging, and video production as tools of new
media (anyone can twitter and reach a large audience);
how these technologies work, how they are being used in
current politics, what they portend for the future, and what
tools are next. Requirements: no prior enrollment in POLI:3303
with subtitle New Media and Politics.

POLI:3603 War and Film 3 s.h.
Exploration of one of the most significant political phenomena,
war, as it is represented and understood through film; various
film genres including classic war films, historical and historical
fiction (e.g., Battle of Algiers, Triumph of the
Will, Invisible War), comedy-drama (e.g., Life is Beautiful), and
dark comedy or satire (e.g., The Mouse that Roared, Tropic
Thunder); scholarly writings on international conflict; students
discover and investigate themes related to nature of war, its
underlying causes, and its consequences.

POLI:3604 New Media and Public Opinion 3 s.h.
How do citizens give voice to their interest in and concerns
about governing? New media and public opinion, measured
by surveys, supplement each other, each with strengths and
weaknesses; parallel moves of the two in elections and when
important political decisions are being made.

POLI:3700 Strategy in Politics 3 s.h.
How to isolate the most important elements in strategic
political behavior, build models to understand them, recognize
common scenarios, devise institutional resolutions to the
Prisoners' Dilemma and coordination problems.

POLI:3701 Special Topics in Politics 1-2 s.h.
Presentations by distinguished lecturers on topics in the study
of politics not covered in other courses. One or two weeks.

POLI:4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of
Politics 3 s.h.
Selected topics in philosophy, theory, and methods for the
systematic study of politics; foundations of scientific inquiry,
including processes of theory building, concept formation,
and hypotheses testing; political research; challenges faced
when conducting good political science; questions of research
design, measurement accuracy, and sample selection;
analysis of multivariate research process. Requirements:
honors standing in political science.

POLI:4100 Honors Seminar on American Politics 3 s.h.
Ideas, issues, methods in selected area. Requirements: junior
or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4300 Honors Seminar on Political Theory 3 s.h.
Intensive study of ideas, issues, methods in an area of political
theory. Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in
political science.

POLI:4400 Honors Seminar on Comparative
Politics 3 s.h.
Exploration of a selected topic in comparative politics, its
cross-national patterns, strategies used to study it, and major
debates among scholars; study of politics by comparing
two or more countries or other political units; new light on
how societies are divided on major issues (whether state
regulation of economy or role of religion in society), how
people behave politically (from voting to demonstrations
towards revolution), role played by political institutions (e.g.,
legislatures, courts, political parties). Requirements: junior or
senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4500 Honors Seminar on International
Politics 3 s.h.
Ideas, issues, methods in selected area. Requirements: junior
or senior honors standing in political science.

POLI:4600 Honors Research Project 3 s.h.
Special research assistance to political science faculty.
Requirements: junior or senior honors standing in political
science.

POLI:4601 Honors Senior Thesis 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Requirements: honors
standing in political science and more than one semester
before graduation.

POLI:4700 Independent Study arr.
Supervised special projects.

POLI:4701 Undergraduate Research Tutorial 3 s.h.
Individual training in applied research.

POLI:4702 Senior Research Project/Paper 3 s.h.
Supervised research and writing. Requirements: political
science major and more than one semester before graduation.

POLI:4800 Senior Seminar in International
Relations 3 s.h.
Completion of final research project as a culmination of
student's work in the major; research supervised by a
faculty member; required for international relations major.
Recommendations: taken during one of student's final two
semesters at the University of Iowa.

POLI:4801 Honors Senior Seminar in International
Relations 3 s.h.
Honors capstone course for international relations majors.

POLI:4802 International Relations Senior Seminar
Preparation 1 s.h.
Preparation for international relations senior seminar.

POLI:4900 Government and Politics Internship 1-3 s.h.
Undergraduate internships in state or national legislative
office, executive agency, or with election campaign official.

POLI:5000 Introduction to Political Analysis 4 s.h.
Conceptual problems of political analysis; empirical research
strategies, philosophy of science. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D.
standing in political science.
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<td>Introduction to quantitative techniques in political science; set theory, probability distributions, estimation, testing; emphasis on acquiring mathematical skills for more advanced quantitative work in political science. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science. Same as IGPI:5001.</td>
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<td>POLI:5003</td>
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<td>Techniques of data analysis; statistical models and their relationship to hypotheses tested. Requirements: doctoral standing in political science and one semester of intermediate statistics.</td>
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<td>POLI:5100</td>
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<td>International Politics</td>
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<td>Approaches to study of international politics. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.</td>
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<td>Introduction to Formal Models in Political Science</td>
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<td>Use of formal mathematical models; current modeling techniques, applications in American politics, comparative politics, international politics. Requirements: M.A. or Ph.D. standing in political science.</td>
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<td>Crossing Borders Seminar</td>
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<td>Application of advanced statistical techniques in political science; limited dependent variable regression techniques, simulation methods, missing data techniques, history/rare event analysis and maximum likelihood, and topics tailored to students' research; focus on learning how and when to apply these techniques.</td>
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<td>Introduction to regression techniques for limited dependent and qualitative variables in political science; logit, probit, multinomial logit and probit, ordered logit and probit, event history models, event count models; emphasis on understanding how and when to apply these models.</td>
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<td>Exploration of how well formal models explain the real world and how the fit between models and world can be improved.</td>
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<td>Problems in study of American political system; structures, functions, behavior.</td>
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<td>Political phenomena from a psychological perspective; decision making by elites and masses, evaluations of political candidates, mass mobilization, response to mass media; psychological theories used to explain these behaviors, including stereotyping, social cognition, attitude, group identification, attribution.</td>
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<td>POLI:7202</td>
<td>Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior</td>
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<td>Political attitudes and beliefs in mass publics; voting behavior; how electoral systems function.</td>
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<td>POLI:7270</td>
<td>Responsible Research in Political Science</td>
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<td>Concepts and practice of scholarly integrity, responsible conduct of research, and research ethics in political science; data management, mentor/trainee responsibilities, publication practices and responsible authorship, peer review, collaborative science, human subjects, animal welfare, research misconduct, and conflict of interest and commitment. Requirements: enrollment in political science M.A. or Ph.D. program.</td>
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<td>Democratization and Authoritarianism</td>
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<td>Rival understandings and practices of democracy and authoritarianism, including challenges of quantifying them for comparative analyses; major theoretical and empirical approaches to studying democratization and other forms of regime change.</td>
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<td>POLI:7423</td>
<td>Comparative Parties and Elections</td>
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<td>Introduction to important questions and puzzles in the study of political parties; party formation and development, the role of parties in society, how parties are organized, party systems, electoral systems, party strategy and behavior, development of new parties, whether parties are still relevant, regeneration of communist parties in post-communist regimes, ethnic parties, failure of party consolidation.</td>
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<td>POLI:7500</td>
<td>Foreign Policy</td>
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<td>Foreign policy making and international behavior in relation to theories, findings from selected countries.</td>
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<td>International Systems and Global Governance</td>
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<td>Literature of international systems and international organization; major schools of thought in international relations theory, their utility in explaining evolution of the international system and recent developments in international organization and global governance.</td>
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<td>POLI:7503</td>
<td>International Conflict and Cooperation</td>
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<td>Recent theoretical and empirical debates in international relations literature; emphasis on formal and quantitative research.</td>
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<td>POLI:7504</td>
<td>Theories of International Political Economy</td>
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<td>Theories focusing on international system, the state, bureaucracies, interest groups, international organizations, bargaining processes, distributive norms.</td>
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<td>Issues of international politics, emphasis on problems of theoretical analysis.</td>
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POLI:7604 Responsible Research in Political Science: Postdocs
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Concepts and practice of scholarly integrity, responsible conduct of research, and research ethics in political science; data management, mentor/trainee responsibilities, publication practices and responsible authorship, peer review, collaborative science, human subjects, animal welfare, research misconduct, conflict of interest and commitment. Requirements: postdoctoral research scholar/fellow in political science.

POLI:7701 Dynamic Models of International Politics
2-4 s.h.
Overview of several dynamic modeling techniques used to study international relations; modeling assumptions, the kinds of information models can provide, evaluation of models.

POLI:7900 Readings Tutorial
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Independent study.

POLI:7901 Research Tutorial
arr.
Individual training in applied research.

POLI:7910 Ph.D. Dissertation
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